The House then adjourned at twenty- four minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled at Twelve of the clock, **The Vice-Chairman (Shri V. Narayanasamy)** in the Chiar.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Public Issue of Essar Oil Ltd.

*201. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recently concluded Rs. 1816.49 crores Public Issue of Essar Oil Ltd.;

(b) whether SEBI had ensured that the company did not indulge in any sort of concealment and suppression of major risk factors in the prospectus issued in the context of the said public issue with a view to safeguard the interest of the prospective investors;

(c) whether SEBI had taken note of the fact that RBI had yet to permit foreign exchange remittances to the company and rejection of such a request would affect the implementation of the project;

(d) whether SEBI had taken congnizance of unutilised balance of the order of Rs. 700 Crores left out of company's 1989 Public Issue;

(e) whether the project cost envisaged at Rs. 5350 crores has not been fully accounted for in as much as Rs. 1500 crores has been left untied giving rise to some sort of uncertainty in the implementation of the project;

(f) whether the public issue under reference was in order; and

(g) if not, whether Government have taken steps to investigate the matter and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the disclosures contained in the offer document, SEBI has indicated that it had no reason to believe that there has been any suppression or concealment of major risk factors.

(c) The offer document of the company contained adequate disclosures to the effect that the company had applied to RBI for permission for foreign exchange remittance. RBI approval was received by the company on January 16, 1995.

(d) Since this was the first public issue of Essar Oil Ltd. the question of unutilised balance out of the company's previous public issue does not arise.

(e) The fact that project cost is yet to be tied up has been brought out in the offer document of the company as a risks factor. It is not uncommon for projects involving large investment outley to do so.

(f) In the opinion of SEBI, the issue was launched with due compliance with the required regulations.

(g) Does not arise.

International Hotels Tie-Up With ITDC Managed Hotels

*202. SHRI G.Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hilton and several other leading international hotel chains have bid for a marketing and management tie- up with the India Toursim Development Corporation (ITDC) managed six 'elite' hotels;

(b) if so, the particulars in this regard;

(c) the terms and conditions set by his Ministry/ITDC for managing ITDC's elite hotels; and

(d) the decision taken by his Ministry in the matter and the likely benefits expected by the ITDC by entering into such partnership with foreign hotel chains?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) This information will be available only after 7th April, 1995 which is the last date for submission of the bids.